ELGIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 15, 1986

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jean Cowan.

COUNCIL MEMEBER PRESENT:

Jenny Gifford
Mel Wood, President
Galen Clark
Jean Cowan, Mayor
Ethel Smith
Pat McMullin
Clayton Breckon

CITY RECORDER:

Betty Hulse

SUPERVISORS:

Tom Spikes, Water & Sewer
Dennis Parr, Chief of Police

MINUTES APPROVED:

Pat moved the June 10, 1986 minutes be approved, Ethel second motion passed
Pat moved the June 17, 1986 minutes be approved, Clayton second, motion passed.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

TOM: The main pump has gone out on automatic and the parts to repair it have been ordered but are not there. The leak in the main water line out by the stampeded grounds will be repaired as soon as the pump is repaired. Jean reported to Tom, Roger James Union County road master, has requested a water line be put in at the County shop and they would trade work for the cost. The Council decided to put off any decision until Betty contacts the County to find out exactly what kind of work they want to trade.

DENNIS: Introduced the new patrolman, John Garcia. Reported the stampeded went well with very few problems. He presented the latest crime statistic showing Union County up 1,283.3%, LaGrande up 32.4%, Union up 53.4% and Elgin down 12.1%.

CITIZENS TO SPEAK:

Jim Adams reports trucks coming down the hill on Hwy. 82 are using their Jake brakes all the way down and this is becoming a problem especially in the early morining hours. Council asked Dennis to research what can be done to elminate this problem.

Citizen complaints have been reported concerning log trucks on 15th St. Council asked Dennis to speak with the truckers to try and resolve the problem, if he cannot reach an agreement with them the Street Commission will work out an ordinance to keep trucks off 15th St.

Roy Larson reported on the Eagle Scout house number project, they have put up 63 numbers and have about 28 more to do, 122 homes have the wrong numbers. Clayton moved we adopt the Eagle scout house number plan and correct the house numbers that are worng, Galen second, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The tire for the power pole at the Community Center is ready to be picked up. Mel volunteered to pick it up.

Council instructed Betty to have the City Attorney look at our sidewalk Ordinance.

The Rysdam plan to move the cabouse further in on his property and use it as a storage building was presented, Ethel moved we authorize the City Attorney to pursue the abatment as stated, Mel second motion carried.

Clayton moved we send letters to property owners, who have allowed weeds and grass to grow uncontrolled, requiring them to take care of the problem within two weeks and if not taken care of the City will clear the lot and the property owner will be charged, Ethel second, motion passed.

Ordiance 1986-#3 amending the Community Center by-laws was presented for passage, Pat moved it be approved, Clayton second, roll call vote, Jean yes, Ethel yes, Jenny yes, Clayton yes, Mel yes, Pat yes, Galen yes, motion passed.

Ethel offered to send a letter to the Chamber of Commerace thanking them for their input on the Union Pacific depot.

NEW BUSINESS:

Complaint against Jack Huff accuseing him of having to many animals and creating a nusiance with the noise and smell was presented. Most of the Council memebers have visited and inspected the residence recently and found it to be clean. Ethel moved, because Huffs are covered under the Zoneing Ordiance Grandfather clause to have the number and kinds of animals they now have and because it is clean and there is no smell they be allowed to keep their animals as long as there is no increase in the number and the premises are kept in a sanitary condition, Jenny second, motion carried.

The Water/Sewer Commission met and looked over the Sewer Grant proposals, they recommend Jade Consultants because they did the previous study and would not have to re-do some of it, their cost is also less. Clayton moved we accept the recommendation of the Water/Sewer Commission and accept the Sewer Grant proposal from Jade Consultants, Jenny second, motion passed.

Mel moved Municipal Court be held twice a month instead of weekly, Pat second, motion passed.

Ethel moved the Council meetings be held at the Community Center, Jenny second, motion passed.

A petition was presented to the Council asking that the dogs at the Lappin

residence, 925 Detroit, be declared a nusiance. Galen moved the dogs at 925 Detroit be declared a nusiance and abatment proceeding started, Ethel second, motion passed.

There has been complaints about the piano at the Community Center not being in tune, the Council instructed Betty to contact the school and make arrangments to have the piano looked at when the person comes to tune their piano.

APPROVE THE BILLS:

Pat moved the bills be approved, Ethel second, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Center- Jenny will call Terry to schedule a meeting on the task force for forming a Community Center district and creating a tax base.

9-1-1 -Ethel moved we sign off the 9-1-1 contract, Pat second, motion passed.

Solid Waste - Clayton would like some trees planted at the solid waste site. Council will check into that in the spring.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A work session was scheduled for July 29, 1986 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN:

Mel moved we adjourn, Galen second, motion passed.

Betty Nelson
CITY RECORDER

MAYOR